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**For: ABDOMINAL EXERCISER WITH ELECTRONIC COACHING DEVICE**  
**Our Reference No: 54440-00602**

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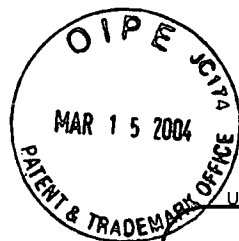
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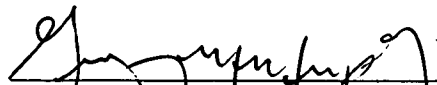
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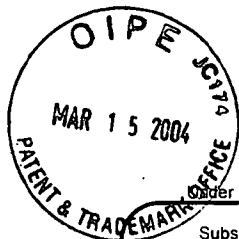
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